including Uganda and Kenya. Further information is, however, being collected from the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

Review of SACP

863. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the Special Agricultural Credit Plan (SACP);

(b) whether it has benefited the small and marginal farmers; and

(c) if so, the details about the Plan and Procedure being taken in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The public sector banks have been formulating Special Agricultural Credit Plan (SACP) since 1994-95 for improving the flow of credit of agriculture. Under SACP, banks fix self-set targets for achievement during the year (April-March). The targets fixed by the banks, generally show an increase of about 20-25% over the disbursements made in the previous year. During the last three years the flow of credit from public sector banks to agricultural sector has increased substantially as under:

Year	Disbursements (amounts in Rs. Crores)	% year on year growth in disbursements
2001-02	29332.39	18.97
2002-03	33921.05	15.64
2003-04	42210.77	24.43

Public sector banks have disbursed 27.50%, 26.73% and 31.30% of the total disbursements to agriculture under Special Agricultural Credit Plan (SACP) to small and marginal farmers during 2001-2002, 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 respectively. In order to improve the flow of credit to small

and marginal farmers, the banks have been advised to make efforts to increase their disbursements to small and marginal farmers to 40% of their direct disbursements under the Special Agricultural Credit Plan (SACP) by March, 2007.

Agricultural credit disbursed by public sector banks under SACP in the State of Maharashtra during the last three years are as follows:

Year	Disbursements (Rs. in Crore)
2001-2002	2238.18
2002-2003	2256.70
2003-2004	2851.73

Market-networks for Agro-products

864. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a unified market-network for agro-products and produces all over the country;

(b) whether such marketing facilities are also likely to be extended to the rural areas of Uttaranchal; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Question do not arise.

Tissue Culture in Gujarat

865. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for promotion of tissue culture in the country;

(b) whether any such scheme has been promoted in Gujarat during the last three years;